(b) and (c) Central Government have been advising the State Governments to strengthen their Drugs Control Machinery to curb the manufacture of spurious drugs. The steps taken in this regard are as follows;

1. Penalties for the manufacture of spurious drugs has been enhanced as per amended Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

2. Resolution have been passed in the recent meeting of Central Council of Health requesting State Governments to strengthen Drugs Control Organisations and set up adequate testing facilities and establish separate intelligence cum legal cell. The meeting has also recommended that Drug Control Organisation at the Central should also be upgraded and strengthened.

Computer manpower in the country

724. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increasing use of computers in the country require a large force of trained manpower in the area of information technology; if so, what are the details of Government plans to create the required manpower in this vital field; and

(b) what is the number of computer personnel trained by the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have initiated computer courses at a large number of institutions. Whereas the number of such institutions conducting computer courses in 1983 was only about 30 with annual output of about 1000 persons, the number of such institutions in 1988 was over 300 with output of about 10,000 persons and will increase to about 12,000 persons in 1992.

(b) National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) is a private organisation engaged in computer training and consultancy. As per the information provided by NIIT, the number of trainees who joined NIIT for computer training is as under:

May 85 to April 86	:	3700
May 86 to April 87	:	4700
May 87 to April 88	:	8580
May 88 to Jan. 89	:	8156

Manufacture and sale of computers

725. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's leading computer manufacturing company, Hindustan Computers Limited, has been successful in establishing an Indian owned subsidiary in USA to manufacture and sell computers in the western world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the the package being offered by the Government to encourage the Indian computer companies to sell their products abroad, particularly in developed countries; and

(c) what are the export projections of computers during 1988-89 and 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN):

(a) The Government has given approval to M/s. Hindustan Computers Limited (HCL) for setting up of a wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in USA for advanced software products and service.

(b) At present, Indian computer companies who are exporting their products abroad are given following incentives:

(i) Duty drawback

(ii) Cash Compensatory Support

(CCS) at the rate of 15 per cent of the FOB value of export.

((iii) Replenishment licence (REP) at the rate of 30 per cent of the FOB value of export.

(iv) Duty drawback procedures have been simplified.

(c) The anticipated exports of computer systems and peripherals for 88-89 would be about Rs. 60 crores and are expected to reach to about Rs. 90 crores by 1989-90.

Formula for allocation of funds

726. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the formula for allocation of funds to different States by the Central Government;

(b) whether some northern States are not getting fair deal at the hands of Planning Commission and are becoming more and more backward as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the formula; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Central assistance for funding the state plans is allocated on the basis of the principles embodied in the modified Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council in August 1980. Under the formula a lump sum amount is preempted to meet the requirements of the special category States. The balance amount out of the divisible pool is allocated among the remaining States on the basis of the following principles:—

Weightage	per cent
(i) Population	60
(ii) Per Capita tax effort	10
(iii) Per Capita income below national Average	20
(iv) Special Problems	10
Total:	100

(b) As the *inter-se* allocations for each State is being determined under the various criteria of the formula, each State gets its due share and therefore the question of being unfair to any State does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for revising the above formula. Any change in the formula can be effected only on the specific approval of the National Development Council.

Vacant posts in the AIIMS, New Delhi

727. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 518 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what action the AIIMS Authorities have taken to fill up the vacant posts of nursing orderly, cooks, cook-mates, masalchi and Bearers; and

(b) what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Action to fill the vacant posts, both newly created and resultant vacancies, in various categories including nursing orderlies, cooks, cook mates, masalchis and bearers is being taken expeditiously.

The latest position of the vacant posts is as under:—

Nursing Orderly	—	17
Cooks	—	2
Cookmates	—	1
Masalchis	—	2
Bearer	—	1

Recruitment action in regard to these posts is in progress.

78 new posts of Nursing Orderly have been created for the Neuro-Sciences and Cardio-Thoracic Centres. Action to fill these has also been initiated.